

**CHAPTER NO. 90**

**SENATE BILL NO. 693**

**By Kyle**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 762

By Buck

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to warrants of arrest.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-6-216, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) Any agency, department or employee or agent thereof who knowingly refuses to provide a copy of the warrant of arrest to a defendant or the defendant's attorney within a reasonable time upon being requested to do so may be in contempt of the court issuing such warrant. In addition to the punishment for contempt, the agency or department shall be required to pay all attorney fees and court costs reasonably incurred by the defendant or the defendant's attorney in obtaining a copy of such warrant.

SECTION 2 This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 25, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 12th day of April 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR